

PART 1
LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A brake handle assembly for actuating a brake of a wheeled walker of the type having a handle bar member slidably received for telescopic movement within the upper end of a leg member, a wheel rotatably mounted at the lower end of said leg member, a brake mounted at the lower end said leg member, and an elongated brake rod disposed within said handle bar and leg member for moving said brake into and out of braking engagement with said wheel comprising:

a housing adapted to be connected to the upper end of said handle bar member;

a brake lever having a forward end retained in said housing and a handle projecting from the rear of said housing and manually operable between a neutral position, a raised brake actuating position and a depressed brake locking position;

a brake actuating member slidably mounted within a linear groove formed in said housing for interconnecting said brake lever and said brake rod said groove having a longitudinal axis parallel to said leg member;

said brake lever having a first pivot means located near the forward end of said brake lever and a first abutment surface intermediate said first pivot means and said handle such that movement of said brake lever from said neutral position to said raised brake actuating position causes said lever to pivot about said first pivot means and said first abutment surface to engage and upwardly displace said brake actuating member in said linear groove and cause said elongated brake rod to slide longitudinally within said handle bar and leg members;

said brake lever having a second abutment surface located near the forward end of said brake lever and a second pivot means intermediate said second abutment surface

and said handle such that movement of said brake lever from said neutral position to said depressed brake locking position causes said lever to pivot about said second pivot means and said second abutment surface to engage and upwardly displace said brake actuating member in said linear groove and cause said elongated brake rod to slide longitudinally with said handle bar and leg members.

Claim 16. (Original) The brake handle assembly of claim 15 wherein movement of said handle from said neutral position to said brake locking position causes displacement of said second pivot means from a first position to a second position and further including a bias means for maintaining said second pivot means in said second position.

Claim 17. (Original) The brake handle assembly of claim 16 wherein said second pivot means moves from said first position to said second position through an over-centre position.

Claim 18. (New) A brake handle assembly for actuating a brake of a wheeled walker of the type having a handle bar member slidably received for telescopic movement within the upper end of a leg member, a wheel rotatably mounted at the lower end of said leg member, a brake mounted at the lower end said leg member, and an elongated brake rod disposed within said handle bar and leg member for moving said brake into and out of braking engagement with said wheel comprising:

a housing adapted to be connected to the upper end of said handle bar member;

a brake lever having a forward end retained in said housing and a handle projecting from the rear of said housing and manually operable between a neutral position, a raised brake actuating position and a depressed brake locking position;

a brake actuating member slidably mounted in said housing for interconnecting said brake lever and said brake rod;

said brake lever having a first pivot means located near the forward end of said brake lever and a first abutment surface intermediate said first pivot means and said handle such that movement of said brake lever from said neutral position to said raised brake actuating position causes said lever to pivot about said first pivot means and said first abutment surface to engage and upwardly displace said brake actuating member;

said brake lever having a second abutment surface located near the forward end of said brake lever and a second pivot means intermediate said second abutment surface and said handle such that movement of said brake lever from said neutral position to said depressed brake locking position causes said lever to pivot about said second pivot means and said second abutment surface to engage and upwardly displace said brake actuating member, movement of said handle from said neutral position to said brake locking position causes displacement of said second pivot means from a first position to a second position and further including a bias means for maintaining said second pivot means in said second position.

Claim 19. (New) A brake handle assembly for actuating a brake of a wheeled walker of the type having a handle bar member slidably received for telescopic movement within the upper end of a leg member, a wheel rotatably mounted at the lower end of said leg member, a brake mounted at the lower end said leg member, and an elongated brake rod disposed within said handle bar and leg member for moving said brake into and out of braking engagement with said wheel comprising:

a housing adapted to be connected to the upper end of said handle bar member;

a brake lever having a forward end retained in said housing and a handle projecting from the rear of said housing and manually operable between a neutral position, a raised brake actuating position and a depressed brake locking position;

a brake actuating member slidably mounted in said housing for interconnecting said brake lever and said brake rod;

said brake lever having a first pivot means located near the forward end of said brake lever and a first abutment surface intermediate said first pivot means and said handle such that movement of said brake lever from said neutral position to said raised brake actuating position causes said lever to pivot about said first pivot means and said first abutment surface to engage and upwardly displace said brake actuating member;

said brake lever having a second abutment surface located near the forward end of said brake lever and a second pivot means intermediate said second abutment surface and said handle such that movement of said brake lever from said neutral position to said depressed brake locking position causes said lever to pivot about said second pivot means and said second abutment surface to engage and upwardly displace said brake actuating member, movement of said handle from said neutral position to said brake locking position causes displacement of said second pivot means from a first position to a second position and further including a bias means for maintaining said second pivot means in said second position, and said second pivot means moves from said first position to said second position through an over-centre position.